

REMARKS

Claims 35-42, 44, 45, 47-58, 60-64, 92-94, and 96-110 were pending in the application at the time of the present Office Action. Claims 1-34, 43, 46, 59, 65-91, and 95 were previously cancelled. Claims 35-42, 44, 45, 47-49, 55, 92-95, 104-107, 110, and 111 are cancelled herein. Claims 109 and 112 are allowed, and Claims 52, 53, and 100 are allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 35-42, 44, 45, 47, 48, and 94 were rejected over U.S. Patent No. 5,571,203 to Masini ("*Masini*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,964,868 to Bloebaum ("*Bloebaum*"). Each of these claims is cancelled herein, rendering this claim rejection moot.

Claims 49-51, 55-58, 60-64, 92, 93, 96-99, 102-108, 110, and 111 were rejected over WIPO Publication No. WO 89/11837 to Albrektsson ("*Albrektsson*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5, 507, 812 to Moore ("*Moore*"). Claim 54 was rejected over *Albrektsson* in view of *Moore*, and further in view of *Bloebaum*.

Claims 49, 55, 92, 93, 104-107, 110, and 111 are cancelled herein, rendering the rejection of those rejection of those claims moot. Each of the remaining rejected claims has been amended to depend upon amended independent Claim 53, which has been indicated as allowable over the cited art. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable for at least the reasons of allowability of amended independent Claim 53.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowance or allowability for Claims 52, 53, 100, 109 and 112. Claims 52, 53, and 100 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 52 and 53 have been re-written in independent form, and include all the limitations of Claim 49 upon which they previously depended. Claim 100 is dependent upon amended independent Claim 53.

New Claims

New claims 113-131 are added herein, and correspond to the dependent claims which have been amended to depend upon independent Claim 53. Claims 113-131 depend upon amended independent Claim 52, which has been indicated as allowable over the cited art. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable for at least the reasons of allowability of amended independent Claim 52.

Conclusion

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Office Action and reconsideration is requested. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance thereof.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefore and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-424-8000.

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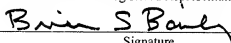
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